

## WHARF CONTRACT SIGNED BY MAYOR

Ordinance Appropriates \$23,999.50 to Improve Shipping Facilities.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL INQUIRY

Joint Resolution Calling for Investigation Meets Executive Approval.

The last preliminary step toward the construction of a public wharf on James River was taken yesterday when Mayor Nicholson signed and returned to City Clerk Ben T. August a resolution approving award of contract made by the Committee on Improvement of the James River to H. M. Allport & Son, for the construction of an oak pile bulkhead wharf, following the North shore line of James River from the mouth of Gillie's Creek to Nicholson Street, along the city property for a distance of approximately 600 feet, the contract price being \$23,999.50.

**School Investigation.**  
The Mayor also approved the joint resolution providing for an investigation of the public school system of the city. The paper calls for the appointment of a special committee of four Councilmen and three Aldermen to conduct a thorough investigation of the methods of conducting the public schools, the special points of objection named in the resolution being lack of harmony and co-operation between the teachers, principals and superintendent; the allegation that a number of teachers and supervisors are paid salaries far in excess of the services rendered; that the curriculum in the elementary grades is not so arranged as to give practical and efficient training in essential branches, and that while the city furnishes the greater part of the funds for the support of its schools, yet the City School Board is hampered and controlled in many matters by the State Board of Education, when better results could be obtained were fuller powers lodged in the City School Board. The board joined in the request for the investigation which followed the inquiry made into the petition of the elementary teachers for an increase in pay.

**Other Ordinances Signed.**  
Other ordinances and resolutions signed by the Mayor yesterday are as follows:

Ordinance changing the name of Ritchie Street and Park Street to Granby Street.

Resolution granting a leave of absence to Travers Daniel, Jr., a clerk in the Engineer's office, for four months, with pay, on account of ill health.

Ordinance ordering construction of a sewer in Gilliam Street, between Louisiana and Orleans Street, instead of between Louisiana and Denny Streets, as heretofore ordered.

Resolution authorizing construction of a sewer in T Street to cost \$532; sewer in Mosby Street to cost \$258; and sewer in Ninth Street from Richmond Hotel to alley south of Grace Street, to cost \$510.

**Juvenile Court.**  
Ordinance authorizing the appointment of a probation officer, the selection of detention homes for juvenile offenders and fixing a special session of the Police Court for the trial of juveniles and cases affecting their care, maintenance and support.

Ordinance to acquire land to extend an alley between Adams and Prentiss Streets.

Resolution appropriating \$1,350 to the Water Works settling basin for purchase of consultants.

Ordinance to acquire land to open an alley between Broad, Marshall, Second and Third Streets.

Resolution appropriating \$2,192.70 to account of City School Board to replace furniture and fixtures destroyed in recent fire at the City Hall.

Ordinance fixing the salary of the Assistant Inspector of Sewers and Street Paving at \$200.

Ordinance fixing the pay of rodmen in the Engineer's department, one at \$200 per annum and one at \$720 per annum.

Ordinance appropriating \$911.14 for construction of a sewer in the Hermitage Road.

Ordinance to acquire land to widen Seventh Street, Washington Ward.

**Enlarge William Byrd Park.**  
Resolution authorizing condemnation of the property known as the yathskeller at Idlewood, adjoining William Byrd Park, for extension of the park, the land belonging to Andrew Pizint.

Resolution granting to James J. Cleamer, Deputy Inspector of Gas, sixty days' leave of absence, without pay, pending his service as a member of the Virginia State Legislature.

Ordinance permitting Jonathan Bryn to use city water at nonresident rates, at his property on the Hermitage Road, outside of the city limits.

Resolution asking the General Assembly to enact suitable State laws to protect rivers from pollution, the preamble stating that the city of Richmond is placed at an annual expense of from \$8,000 to \$10,000, to purify and clarify James River water as a result of the waste and discoloration of pulp mills and other manufacturing plants emptying their refuse into the upper river.

**Workhouse Ordinance.**

Resolution instructing the City Attorney to procure from the General Assembly charter amendments which will permit the city of Richmond, if it so desires, to erect and maintain workhouses or house of correction and reformation within or without the city, and to commit therein prisoners now confined in the City Jail.

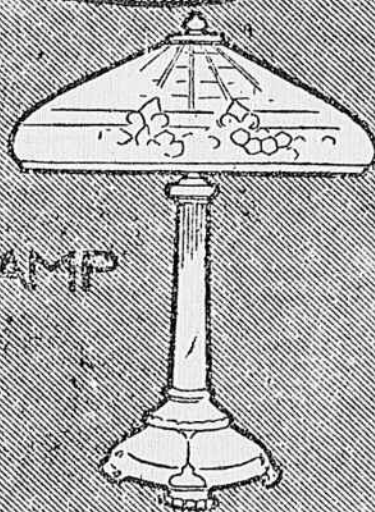
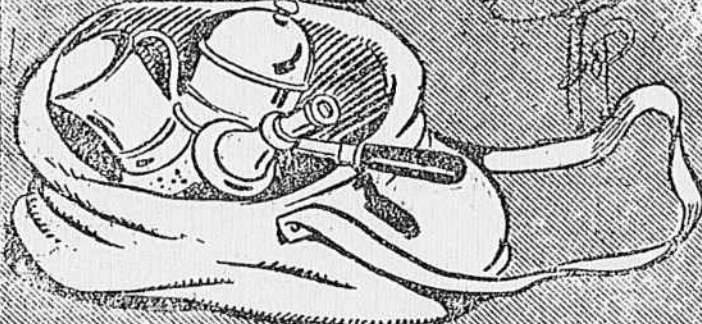
Resolution granting permission to S. H. Campbell to erect brick stable on the north side of Franklin Street.

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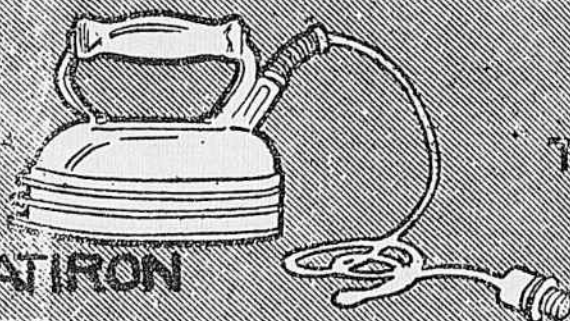
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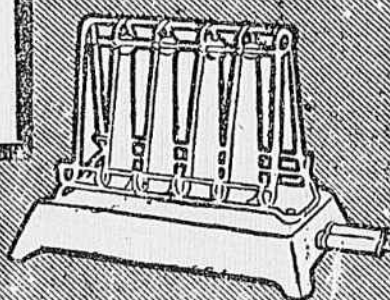
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Undeveloped Industry, Worth  
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People of South.

Washington, D. C., December 22.—A great undeveloped industry, worth millions of dollars annually, lies at the doors of the people of the South and the far Northwest in the immense wastes of wood incident to the manufacture of lumber.

An amazing statement of these wastes and the consequent loss in wealth and conservation of timber resources is made as a result of a two years' government investigation, not

yet concluded, by F. P. Veitch, chief of the leather and paper division of the Bureau of Chemistry, and M. G. Donk, assistant chemist, whose preliminary conclusions have just been made public.

"The waste wood of the South and Northwest from the lumber industry—tops, stumps, slabs and sawdust and the dead and down timber from fires and storms—furnish one of the great undeveloped resources of this country," say the investigators. "From this wood, by industrially developed chemical methods, the entire output of naval stores, embracing turpentine, rosin, tars, pitch, rosin spirits and rosin oils, having an annual value of at least \$30,000,000, may be obtained without boxing or turpentine a single live tree."

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wastes of the yellow pine lumber industry (including dead-and-down timber) as much or more turpentine, rosin and rosin oils as are now produced by the ordinary methods of turpentine from the living tree. The profitable utilization of mill wastes in this way would add materially to the wealth of the South and help to conserve its timber resources.

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"More methyl alcohol, acetate of lime and acetone can be produced from this wood than is now made in the country, and large quantities of ethyl alcohol may also be recovered."

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either in operation or may be readily devised."

Accidentally Electrocutted.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bristol, Va., December 22.—James McCroskey, of Rich Valley, Washington county, was advised by wire to-day that his son, William McCroskey, a popular young man, twenty-one years old, was accidentally electrocuted at Tom's Creek, Wise county, where he was employed. The body will be brought here.

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